

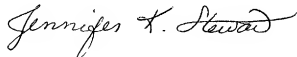
REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action (FOA) mailed 26 September 2007 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed 29 February 2008, the applicant submits the above claim amendments. The FOA objects to claims 5 and 31 for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. The enclosed amendments amend independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5 and intervening claims 2 and 4, and amend independent claim 25 to include the limitations of claim 31 and intervening claim 30. Further, the applicant amends independent claim 13 to include the allowable limitations of claims 2, 4, and 5, and amends claim 15 to address a formality rejection cited in the FOA. Lastly, the applicant amends independent claim 16 to include the allowable limitations of claims 5, 30, and 31. The applicant cancels Claims 2, 4, 5, 14, 22, 23, 30, and 31, and amends claim 3 to correct the claim dependency in light of the claim cancellations. No new matter is added.

As the independent claims now include the limitations of allowable claims 5 and/or 31, the applicant submits that the independent claims and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore requests that the examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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